

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The newly formed national Indian effort titled the National Indigenous Healing Center will meet at the first International Gathering of Wellness Warriors in Rapid City, South Dakota, on August 21, 2004; and,

*Whereas*, The theme for the first gathering is titled "Developing the path toward our National Indigenous Healing Center"; and,

*Whereas*, Indian warriors will gather together non-violently to make a stand for the survival of their people and their healthy way of life; and,

*Whereas*, The International Gathering of Wellness Warriors will support traditional ways to teach that alcohol and drugs are not a part of the circle and will continue to offer programs and resources to assist families toward healthy lifestyles; and,

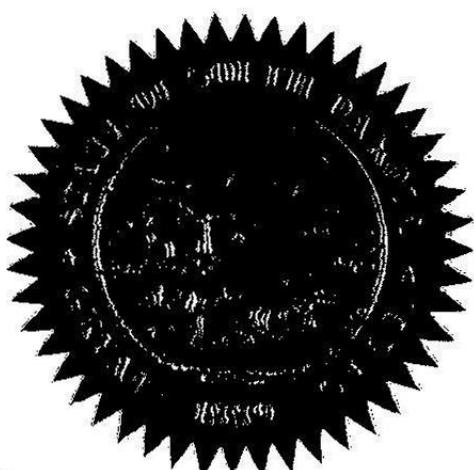
*Whereas*, Although the past several hundred years have seen rampant systematic oppression of these lifestyles, history will repeat itself and indigenous people and nations will live in a delicate and harmonious balance with the environment; and,

*Whereas*, I urge all citizens to support the needs of the International Gathering of Wellness Warriors and encourage individuals to lead an alcohol and drug free lifestyle through prevention, treatment and education:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2004, as

### *AMERICAN INDIAN SOBRIETY MONTH*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

A handwritten signature of M. Michael Rounds.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Chris Nelson.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State